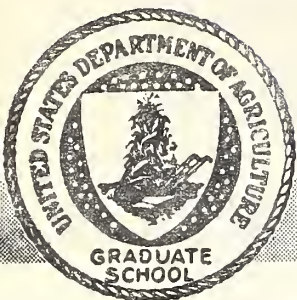


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# Newsletter

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To the Faculty, Committee Members and  
others associated with the Graduate School:

We have just read a speech that we heard in 1948. This was concerned with the implications of the report of the President's Commission on Higher Education, particularly as they affect the Land-Grant colleges. Sounds like a ponderous subject. But we recalled the speech has been informative and sparkling, and inspiring too -- in making a forceful case that the nation must plan to expand its educational facilities up to the point where we develop as fully as possible all our human resources."

"A lot of people appear to believe ... that quality and quantity (in education) are somehow incompatible. It is said that the attempt to expand higher education to make it more generally available would spread our culture perilously thin.

"I don't think much of that metaphor. It implies that culture is a substance like peanut butter, that we haven't much of it, and that if we try to share it more widely all the children will be skimmed on their sandwiches.

"But knowledge, unlike peanut butter, does not diminish by being shared. It is more likely to increase."

The speaker who advanced these views was Lewis Webster Jones, then president of the University of Arkansas, now president of Rutgers University, and, this year president of the Association of Land-Grant Colleges and Universities.

We re-read his speech with pleasure in anticipation of another speech we are to hear him give. We have been fortunate in obtaining Dr. Jones as our speaker for the annual faculty dinner. The date is September 8 at 7 p.m. The place -- the clubhouse of the American Association of University Women at 1634 Eye St., N.W.

This is an occasion you will not want to miss. Call Mrs. Ruth Carlock (Agriculture 3667) to make your reservation.

Twenty new courses listed in the current Graduate School catalog reflect the changing times and demands for skills and ideas in the Federal Service.

An example is the course, Data Processing on Electronic Computers,

to be taught by Lancelot W. Armstrong, assistant chief of the electronic systems branch, Census. The fall semester course offers students an understanding of large scale, high speed computers like Univac. An advanced course will be given in the spring for those who desire more detailed information for preparing computer programs.

Another course in a related field is Transistor Electronics to be taught by Albert M. Rubenstein, an electronics engineer in the Bureau of Ships.

Organizing and Administering a Personnel Development Program is one of four new courses in the Public Administration Department. It will be given by William Oncken Jr., chief of the training and development division in the office of civilian personnel of the Army. The others are Wage Administration and Advanced Wage Administration both to be taught by William F. Sorensen Jr., special assistant to the executive director of the Civil Service Commission; and a course in Employment and Utilization to be given by Milton Mandell, chief of the administrative and management testing unit of CSC.

A course has been set up in Engineering Statistics and Quality Control for graduates or students of engineering and physical science. W. B. Pabst, the instructor, is chief statistician for the Bureau of Ordnance of Navy. For economists there is a new course, Mathematics for Economists, given by a long-time faculty member, Richard J. Foote.

The addition of two new courses makes it possible to offer a certificate of accomplishment in oceanography. These are Dynamic Oceanography to be given by J. J. Schule Jr., and Biological Oceanography, instructor to be announced.

Both librarians and mapmakers will be interested in a new course offered by Catherin Bahn, Introduction to Map Library Techniques. With the expansion of offering in surveying and mapping, the Graduate School has set up a course of study leading to a certificate of accomplishment in this field.

Other new courses listed in the catalog this year are: Survey of Economics to be given by Roy J. Burroughs; Fiscal Policy with Frederick D. Stocker as instructor, and Production Economics of Agriculture, to be taught by Kenneth L. Bachman and Russell W. Bierman. Dr Stocker is a new member of the faculty. He is on the staff of the Agricultural Research Service.

Two seminars -- one on Resource Economics, the other on Cultural Changes in Educational and Development Processes - have been added to the Social Science Department. The first will be conducted by a new member of the faculty, Mark Regan, an economist on the staff of the Agricultural Research Service. Two well known members of the faculty -- M. L. Wilson and Thelma Dreis -- will have charge of the second.

New courses this year range from broad general topics like The

United States and Asia taught by a Far Eastern scholar, Esson M. Gale, to practical day-to-day problems in Office Management given by Glenn D. Wagner of the Rural Electrification Administration. They are concerned with specialized areas as in Introduction to European Languages, Slavic Group and with enrichment of life in The Grammar of Art. Instructor of the first of these is Jacob Ornstein. A new member of the faculty -- B. Colin Greenly, director of art, Landon School for Boys, teaches the second.

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Since it isn't advertised in the schedule nor mentioned in the catalog, this may be news to teachers and committee members who have just joined the Graduate School and a helpful reminder to old hands on the staff. One of your privileges as a staff member is to enroll in any course for the price of the registration fee. That's \$5.00. We hope many of you will take advantage of this offer in the coming year.

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Several people have stopped by the office to comment on the new format of the schedule of courses. All of them have said they liked it. The change, as you may have noticed, is in the fold. The new arrangement is a four-fold instead of the road map-fold used in previous years.

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Every other Wednesday afternoon from October 12 through March 21 -- except for the Christmas holidays -- the Graduate School will present a program in Jefferson auditorium showing in a dramatic way the work of one of the agencies in Agriculture.

Those who attend these free programs through the year will have a detailed picture of the scope and mode of operation of a great Federal department as it is today.

The series, arranged by a committee headed by the Undersecretary of Agriculture, True D. Morse, will open with a program on the Agricultural Research Service. This will feature a talk by ARS Administrator Byron T. Shaw and a showing of the products of research with Frank Teuton as master of ceremonies.

Subsequent programs will feature the Forest Service, Foreign Agricultural Service, Soil Conservation Service, Agricultural Marketing Service, Rural Electrification Administration, Federal Extension Service, Farmers' Home Administration, Federal Crop Insurance, Commodity Stabilization Service, and the Farm Credit Administration.

Business executives by the hundreds are going to school to learn the fine points of their jobs and how their opposite numbers in other concerns do their work, according to THE NEW YORK TIMES for July 23, 1955.

The report says they constitute a cross-section of American business--manufacturers in heavy industry, processors, retailers, store executives, sales managers, bankers, and so on



Among the training sessions held this summer were: a course in modern management techniques given at Colgate University by the American Management Association; a Graduate School of Sales Management and Marketing and an Advanced School of Retail Management given by National Sales Executives, Inc., at Rutgers; a course in public relations for bankers at Syracuse; a course in agriculture for commercial bankers at Cornell.

Big companies, too, are operating schools on their own. In Linden, N. J., the Esso Research and Engineering Company is giving a five-weeks training program for union stewards and supervisors in work simplification methods and thinking.

Dr. Frank J. Sette, who has been associated with the Graduate School from 1941 until his retirement in 1954, died in Gainesville, Florida on July 20. Dr. Sette had for many years served as chairman of the Technology committee. Under his direction, the department developed the program of courses in surveying and mapping which has served as a model for similar programs at many universities in the country.

A bit of praise is always welcome. We are indebted to Robley Winfrey, personnel and training officer of the Bureau of Public Roads, for a copy of a memorandum he received from Lester A. Herr, highway research engineer. It concerns work in statistics that Mr. Herr took in the Graduate School on Mr. Robley's recommendation. To quote in part:

"Having completed six credit hours of 'Principles of Statistical Analysis', I wish to report that my time and money were well spent. This course has aided me considerably in the statistical analysis of hydrologic data ... and has given me confidence in reading texts on statistics and in my associations with engineers in this field.

"B. R. Stauber ... did an excellent job of teaching a group with varied educational backgrounds and professional interests. I do not hesitate to recommend it to any of our engineering personnel."

#### AMONG OURSELVES

An informative article in the May issue of JOURNAL OF THE NATIONAL MEDICAL ASSOCIATION gives some notes on the history of an instrument in which all of us who are patients have some interest -- the stethoscope. Author is Morris C. Leikind, chief of the historical research division, Armed Forces Institute of Pathology and teacher of the GS Course, History of Medicine.

Our warm good wishes are extended to a Graduate School committee member who has recently assumed the duties of an important post -- Assistant Secretary of State. He is Francis O. Wilcox, since 1946 a member of the subcommittee on history and international relations in Social Science Department.

Respectfully,

  
T. Roy Reid  
Director